



News Notes

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Breakfast – The breakfast is set for Jan. 19 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Hickam Officers' Club. Guest Speaker is Chaplain (Ret) Lt. Col. Charles Smith. The menu will be a breakfast buffet and cost is \$9 for club members or \$11 for non-members.

Last Day to purchase tickets is Jan. 13. Get your tickets through the following POCs:

Chief Master Sgt. Paul Lewis (PACAF/SE) 449-4516; Master Sgt. Rozetia Richardson (15 MSS) 449-0679; Tech. Sgt. Erika Gilyard (PACAF/RSS) 449-7810; Master Sgt. Taurus Hawk (735 AMS) 448-6692; Staff Sgt. Falisha Carman (PACAF/IN) 449-4311; Staff Sgt. Geneva Lindsey (PACAF/RSS) 449-7800; Senior Airman Shalanda Schroeder (PACAF/CE) 449-3878.

56 Council to hold first meeting of 2006 – The Hickam 5/6 Council will hold its first general membership meeting of 2006, Jan 12 starting 11:30 a.m. at JR Rockers. The guest speaker is Senior Master Sgt. Lacuesta-Siroin, Team Hickam Career Assistance Advisor.

Hickam Tax center needs you – The 15th Legal Office is looking for volunteers to be an Income Tax Assistance Representative for the 2006 tax year. Call Staff Sgt. Graig Lemon at 449-1737 ext. 320 or Capt. Jennifer Osborne at ext. 225 for more information or to sign up!

In this week's Kukini



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32 days

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This is Us: Joint Chiefs of Staff Senior Enlisted Advisor Visits Team Hickam

By Capt. Patricia Teran Matthews
PACAF Public Affairs

Take a look at your uniform. On the left side of your BDU blouse is your individual service designation – Air Force, Army, Marines, Navy – but cover that up, you're still left with "U.S." Us.

The idea of "us" could very well refer to the United States armed forces evolving more into a joint force. The different branches of the service retain their particular capabilities and individual character, but the difference is that they are working together closer than ever before.

That's one of the points made by Army Command Sgt. Maj. William Joseph Gainey, the first senior enlisted advisor to U.S. Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The sergeant major was in Hawaii for the first U.S. Pacific Command Senior

Enlisted Leader conference, Dec. 14 and 15, where he addressed the leaders. More than 100 senior NCOs, filling enlisted leadership positions across the command, attended the conference. The sergeant major also visited sailors aboard the USS Lake Erie and, Honolulu Coast Guardsmen from Station Honolulu, and enlisted members assigned to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command.

The newly designated position of CJCS senior enlisted advisor had been in the making for 15 years, Sergeant Major Gainey said. His function is to advise the Chairman on professional development of enlisted personnel and to prepare service members for the merging and evolving joint environment.

The sergeant major met with Team Hickam chiefs and other personnel here Dec. 16 to discuss his new job and offer some advice to Hickam's senior NCO

leaders.

Sergeant Major Gainey envisions his position as having four primary responsibilities: being part of the communication chain; overseeing quality of life and other concerns of enlisted troops as designated by General Pace; acting as spokesperson for the Chairman's office; and finally, being an integrator for the Chairman's office.

That last responsibility is Sergeant Major Gainey's personal favorite, and in that capacity, he addressed Team Hickam, providing four key observations to our senior enlisted leaders about empowering our Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Coast Guardsmen and Marines and further integrating them as a joint team.

First is "responsibility," he said. "Our service members want it. They will not let you down."

Second, "give our service

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Photo by Capt. Yvonne Levardi

Lt. Col. Scott Murray, left, Kenney Headquarters, and Command Chief Master Sgt. Rodney McKinley, Pacific Air Forces, talks with Sgt. Maj. William Gainey, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Twins double up in desert

By Senior Airman Cassandra Locke
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) – Twin Senior Airmen Levana Raum and Levina Sumang have been brought closer together by sharing their deployment experiences at a forward-deployed location.

The sisters volunteered to deploy together so they could get an opportunity to catch up on quality time after once going their separate ways.

"I love being deployed with my sister," Airman Raum said. "We're very close, and it's nice to have someone

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Photo by Senior Airman Cassandra Locke
Senior Airmen Levina Sumang and Levana Raum are from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing.

A Little Touch Up



Courtesy Photo

The first of eight C-17s (P-146) destined for Hickam got its new organizational patches painted on the aircraft. Ruben A. Garcia (blue hat) and Mike Garcia put the finishing touches on the patches as part of the week-long paint process.

P-146 goes to the flight ramp next to complete all the pre-flight activities leading up to its scheduled first flight, and then delivery Feb. 8. The aircraft will be the U.S. Air Force's first to be based outside the continental United States.

House passes Hawaii DOD funds

The U.S. House of Representatives has approved a pair of defense appropriations bills containing \$266 million in Hawaii projects.

Included is more than \$45 million in research and development money for Hawaii high-technology companies or the Hawaii operations of Mainland defense contractors, said Rep. Neil Abercrombie.

Abercrombie said projects

included at his request included \$10 million for a satellite tracking system under development by Oceanit, \$6 million for an under-sea warfare data crunching system by Orincon, \$1 million for NovaSol research on an optical sensor for Special Forces to use to transmit lots of data rapidly using lasers, \$1 million for University of Hawaii research on the effects of military activities on marine mammals, and other projects.

There is also significant funding for local construction projects:

- \$76 million for a barracks complex, a modified urban assault course, and other improvements to Schofield Barracks.

- \$43 million for improvements to the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island.

- \$41 million for a road upgrade to Helemano.

- \$30 million for the Pacific Fleet warfighting center at Pearl Harbor.

- \$22 million for an intelligence squadron operating facility and other improvements to Hickam.

- \$6 million for a fire station at Camp H.M. Smith.

New year, but same fact – Hickam brings power to the Pacific

Col. William “Goose” Changose
15th Airlift Wing commander

Happy New Year to all of Team Hickam! I hope each of you had a great holiday season and are as excited as I am about 2006. I’m not typically one for doing resolutions, but as we enter the new year I want us to keep our eye on four areas. Keeping our focus on these items will ensure we continue to provide superior support to the Pacific and the world.

Number one on the list is making sure that every Airman at Hickam is ready to deploy and be part of our expeditionary Air Force. We do warrior runs, unit physical training, readiness exercises and have just started a “battlefield airmen” course in an effort to keep the team ready. Members of Team Hickam have deployed during every AEF since I’ve been here and the performance has been spectacular ... keep up the good work.

The second focus area for Team Hickam is to remember that support to tenant units on base, so that they can in turn support the U.S. Pacific Command is critical. One key milestone in this realm will occur when we open the temporary home for the Kenney Warfighter Headquarters in the spring. This will be a big step toward ensuring the KHQ can continue to effectively command and control Air Power across the Pacific.

Setting the conditions so that every member of Team Hickam can realize their full potential is next on the list. This area is very broad, but encompasses quality of life issues. Quality housing for quality people is a great example. We just opened the first of many brand new housing units in December with more opening this month. In July we’ll open 194 houses. Team Hickam families will enjoy some best living quarters the Air Force has to offer. With our outstanding partnership with Actus Lend Lease we are set to make 2006 a very welcoming year for families

across the base.

The last but the most visible area we’ll concentrate on is receiving, maintaining, and flying our new C-17s. You’ve read about how Team Hickam is about to make history in this area, but I need to reiterate – this is an extremely significant event for Hickam, Hawaii, the Pacific region and the United States. We’re on “final approach” when it comes to preparing for the first active duty and Guard flying organization in the Air Force. Expect big things with the arrival of the first C-17 “Spirit of Hawaii” just 32 days away.

We have about 130 men and women departing during January in support of AEF 9/10. Some will get an assignment to support a CONUS based command while others will have the opportunity serve in the Central Command area of responsibility. No matter the location we know you’ll do your duty. Our promise to you is to take care of your family and loved ones back here in Hawaii so you can concen-



Photo by Tech Sgt. Mark Munsey
Col. William “Goose” Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, and Command Chief Master Sgt. Jim LeVack, 15th AW, speak to 15th Civil Engineer Squadron members before they deploy for AEF 9/10 Wednesday.

trate on your deployed duties. Of course to reach the goals I have outlined we’ll need to continue our legendary teamwork. As always, I ask each of you to take care of yourself and each other. Be good wingmen, weigh the risk before you act. Have a great weekend and be safe.

Three sharp differences of difficult situations

Chaplain David DePinho
Hickam Chaplain Office

I’m always amazed at the sharp differences in the way people respond to very similar situations.

When they talk to me they usually fall into one of three categories. Some just want to talk to someone and let off some steam, others want me to offer advice (which I may or may not give), and others want someone to help them “escape” (which I almost never do).

Younger airmen often seem to struggle the most with difficult circumstances. Not because they are weaker, but because of their perspective. They are more likely to choose the “escape” option too. Think about it, if you’re 20 years old, you’re coping experience is only about 10 years long and only a couple of those years (if that) is as an independent adult.

A week or two can seem like a mighty long time if you’re 20 years old and only have 14 weeks of experience living on your own. Compare that to a 30 or 40 year old who has hundred of weeks and hundreds of additional experiences under their belt.

What I am talking about is perspective.

Getting a broader perspective is like mining gold! A year ago I was in Thule Greenland. It’s a remote assignment, really remote! Not being with the wife and kids, and facing temperatures

below -40 is stressful. There is no off base community and no where to go.

I would have to gauge it as the most difficult period of my life. I now look at my Marine Corp Basic Training as relatively easy compared to the emotional mental stress of being in Greenland for a year. Interestingly, others would argue Thule Greenland was not so bad, most of them would be single I suspect. So the young Airmen, usually did better then we old guys!

Now I’m in Hawaii, my wife and children are here and we go to the beach with every spare moment. Now ... now life is good. Good life? Is that so? As I have just demonstrated good and bad are matters of perspective. Try telling the single airmen Hawaii is a great place to be when they see Hawaii as a place that’s 1000 or 2000 or 3000 miles from home! Then the beautiful beaches are ugly barriers to family and friends.

So what can we say? What can we do to improve our ability to cope with what our perspective informs us is a bad or difficult situation?

First, take a breath and remember that no matter how limited your experiences may be, each of us, young and old know there is a day when we move on to new things (remember how far H.S. graduation seemed when you were a freshmen!)

Second, today’s difficulty should be seen for what it is, listen to the broader perspec-

tives of others. When I was freezing in Thule Greenland for a year I reminded myself that others are under the stress of a war zone for a whole year.

Third, what can you learn from your difficulty? I had to adapt, learn how to cope and was stronger for the effort. For me there is a clear God dimension here. I see God helping me grow and improve. Difficulties help us grow and learn and that makes us better people.

Finally, share your concerns, worries and stresses with others. Don’t be an “escaper,” instead, be an “explorer.” Sometimes escape is needed, and when it is, a Chaplain can often be just the person to help. An explorer shares and listens too, that allows us to talk out the other options, find other solutions that are better for everyone concerned.

Coping with difficulty will get easier with every success. There is a lifelong pride that goes along with successfully accomplishing difficult things. I think of Marine Corp Basic and Thule Greenland. Others think of the “Sand Box” or war time challenges.

Spouses at home carry the pride of having carried on in the absence of their Military spouse. Others think of the difficulty of getting along with a boss, saving a troubled marriage, or (with my tongue firmly in my cheek), successfully completing an assignment to Paradise J.

Action Line

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name. It’s your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go above and beyond in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line; however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first chance at resolving problems or issues. It’s only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander’s Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I’ll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

ILLEGAL PARKING – FITNESS CENTER

Comment: I am seeking your help after trying several times to rectify a situation on my own. I live on 11th street on Hickam AFB and frequently utilize the corner of Cornett and 11th Streets to access my home. Due to the emphasis on physical fitness I have seen a drastic increase in gym usage. This is a great thing for the Air Force but not such a great thing for the residents in this area. People consistently park illegally around the back portion of the gym and Pool #1. I have contacted Security Forces to request a patrol car to ticket individual cars blocking crosswalks and disobeying traffic laws. I did see them ticketing cars and this has done some good and I thank them for their dedication to the safety of our base community. Unfortunately the pattern of disregard for legal parking has become a bad habit and people are right back to creating a hazardous situation. I have also called the Diving Office at Pool #1 because it is frequently the divers’ vehicles that are illegally parked. It is their vans and many times POV’s (with dive stickers) that are parked on corners making it extremely difficult to navigate around the corner. I even left my name and

number in hopes that my call would be acknowledged by someone in a supervisory position. I have never been called back. When people are exiting the parking area behind the gym they are forced to squeeze between the illegally parked cars and on-coming traffic. Sometimes it is parents retrieving their children from swim team practice that think it’s okay to park illegally just because they aren’t staying long. There is also a loading zone designated for the divers that has been located within a dangerous distance of the crosswalk. It is impossible to see pedestrians (and school children on bikes) about to cross at the crosswalk if a van is parked there. Isn’t there a regulation distance for a loading zone located near a crosswalk to avoid this type of hazard? I have called numerous times and it seems the situation only continues to pose a daily problem. I think it’s wonderful that our physical fitness center is utilized by so many. I just can’t tolerate disregard for others’ safety. In fact, isn’t SCUBA and physical training (PT) all about safety? I don’t want anyone to get hurt to prove that this situation exists. Please help put an end to this daily abuse. The families in the housing area around the gym will be very grateful for your assistance.

Response: Thank you for bringing this to my attention. I understand and appreciate your concerns for the safety of the Hickam Community. The limited parking for customers using the Fitness Center is a challenge, however, people who disregard the parking rules on base create a hazard which cannot be ignored. The Dive Shop loading stall will be moved and will be at least 10 feet away from the crosswalk. Illegal parking on base has become an item of concern, and as a result Security Forces will immediately start issuing citations to violators. In addition, Security Forces is developing the Traffic Warden program which gives facility managers the right to issue citations to those vehicles illegally parked around their facility. This will also become an agenda item for the Traffic Safety Engineering Committee. Should you have additional questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to call the Security Forces Law Enforcement Desk at 449-6372/6373. Thanks again for bringing this to my attention..

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449-0300
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449-0175
Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373
Base Chaplain
449-1754
Military Family Abuse Shelter
533-7125
SARC Hotline
449-7272

Hickam Voices

What is your New Year's Resolution?



I would like to join some clubs, take a few language classes and do more community service. Also I would like to travel outside the country.

Mike Dey
Base Multimedia Office



Try and be a wiser person. See things as they are and what lies behind them. If you want to succeed you have to know where you stand and begin with the end in mind.

Airman 1st Class Meghan Dudley
15th Mission Support Group



Work on my photo book; Gain five pounds of lean muscle and keep it there until next January, and put forth my best effort on replying to my emails.

Mysti Bicoy
Pacific Air Forces



Be more health conscious by eating right and exercising more.

Tech. Sgt. Tracey McDonald
15th Medical Group



Be more understanding and a better listener to my children. Sometimes I forget to see things from their point of view and it's important to know what they're thinking.

Master Sgt. Cindy Hayter
Pacific Air Forces



I'm not doing a New Year's resolution this year because I've failed to keep all my previous resolutions.

Chief Master Sgt. Mike Helfer
15th Mission Support Squadron

Next week's question:

How will you spend your tax return?

You can email your response to hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil. Please include your name and a contact number.

Treating the Flu: Vaccines and Antiviral Medications

This is the second in a series of columns by the Headquarters Pacific Air Forces surgeon and his staff, to provide information to PACAF personnel and their families on pandemic influenza. This week's article discusses antiviral medications and vaccines.

By PACAF Surgeon General's office

In general, flu viruses are transmitted from person to person by breathing in respiratory droplets caused by coughing and sneezing. Sometimes, however, people become infected by touching a surface with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

Good hand-washing habits will help prevent flu from spreading. But vaccination is recommended to provide the body with antibodies that help fight off or prevent infection.

The manufacturing of flu vaccines is a tedious and complicated process that involves hundreds of millions of egg cultures. The process generally takes 6 to 9 months to complete. And each year, because the flu viruses readily undergo genetic changes, a new vaccine has to be developed in order to be effective against the "new" strain.

Should the avian influenza ("bird flu") virus currently circulating in Asia and Europe become easily transmissible from person to person, the virus will likely have undergone significant genetic changes that will necessitate the production of a specific vaccine. And though several countries, including the U.S., are developing vaccines using the 2004/2005 avian flu strains, how effective they may be at the outset of a pandemic is unknown.

The need to shorten the production cycle is critical to having a vaccine to protect us from a new pandemic flu virus. To address this issue, Congress

recently approved approximately \$4 billion for the development of more sophisticated techniques to manufacture vaccines more quickly and better meet the demand.

If no vaccine is available, most people will need to rely on traditional public health measures to lessen the possibility of contacting the flu. Common tactics include reducing contact with persons who may be ill, washing hands frequently and thoroughly, covering coughs with one's hand, telecommuting to work, keeping children out of school, and so on.

In the absence of a vaccine, physicians also look to specific drugs called antivirals to help prevent infection or to treat people who have been infected. When used properly along with other traditional public health measures, these antiviral drugs may help to bring under control the earliest cases of a potential pandemic and prevent the virus from spreading globally.

There are two different classes of antiviral drugs, the adamantanes and the neuraminidase inhibitors. Due to their demonstrated resistance to seasonal flu viruses, the adamantanes are not considered effective for treatment of avian flu. Therefore, the neuraminidase drugs – including Oseltamivir (also known as Tamiflu) and Zanamivir (Relenza) – are the most likely candidates to treat pandemic avian flu because they are newer and have not yet built up resistance.

Antiviral drugs of any kind, however, have their drawbacks. Tamiflu must be used within 48 hours of exposure (even before symptoms appear) to be effective. Relenza cannot be used until after symptoms appear. Another drawback is that both of these medicines are currently in short supply. The Swiss-based drug company Roche holds the patent on Tamiflu and is presently the only source of the medicine. However, the

company is working with many other pharmaceutical manufacturers in the hope of increasing production to meet global demand. Because Tamiflu is in short supply, its use may be limited to treatment of the sick rather than as a preventive.

The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense are creating stockpiles of Tamiflu vaccine and other antiviral medicines. Supplies of both of these will likely increase over time as production capacity is increased in facilities located in the U.S. and overseas.

What can you do? Keep abreast of the latest information. Find out more about vaccines and antiviral drugs from these web sites:

- Antiviral Drugs: Summary of Side Effects
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/antiviral/sideeffects.htm>

- Background Information for Clinicians: Antiviral Agents for Influenza
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/antiviralback.htm>

- World Health Organization Pandemic Influenza Preparedness
<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/pandemic/en/index.html>

- National Pandemic Influenza Site:
<http://pandemicflu.gov/>

- Centers for Disease Control:
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic/>

- U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine:
<http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil>

- National Institutes of Health:
<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/factsheets/flu-drugs.htm>

STEP-tacular



Newly promoted Master Sergeant David Gomez (Center-Right), Pacific Air Forces Regional Supply Squadron receives a set of master sergeant stripes from Brig. Gen. Polly Peyer (Right), PACAF Director of Logistics, while

Sergeant Gomez's son, Josh, and wife, Tina, look on. Sgt. Gomez was selected by Gen. Paul Hester, Pacific Air Forces commander, for promotion through the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program.

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Air Force declares F-22A operational

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. - The Air Force's most advanced weapon system is ready for combat, Air Force officials here announced Dec. 15.

In reaching initial operational capability, the F-22A Raptor has been certified ready for employment.

Declaring the transformational fighter IOC means the Raptor's proven capabilities are now available for use in combat around the globe and are supported by a properly trained and equipped force. It also means the aircraft is qualified to perform homeland defense missions when required. In the words of Gen. Ronald E. Keys, Air Combat Command commander, "If we go to war tomorrow, the Raptor will go with us."

"F-22A IOC means our warfighters now

have an unprecedented lethal mix of air-to-air and air-to-ground capabilities at their disposal," General Keys said. "The Raptor's cutting-edge technology brings us continued joint air dominance despite advancing enemy threats."

Reaching the IOC milestone culminates a collaborative effort between Air Force organizations and the service's industry partners during the past 25 years.

"The F-22A fulfills a long quest to bring fifth-generation capabilities of stealth, supercruise and precision to the warfighter today and 30 years from today," General Keys said. "Now that we have met our first promised milestone of a fully capable, multi-mission platform ready for combat, we are already focused on furthering our integrated tactics development, refining our deployability, and growing and training our

force. To add to what we learned on our successful first operational deployment to the Utah Test and Training Range to drop (joint direct attack munitions), fly against double-digit (surface-to-air missiles) at Nellis, and work (close air support) with F-16 FAC-As, we will conduct our first routine peacetime exercise deployment by taking 12 Raptors to Alaska in June for Northern Edge."

Designed to ensure America's air dominance for years to come, the F-22A will ensure U.S. joint forces' freedom from attack and freedom to attack, even as adversaries continue to advance their weapons and technologies.

"As I told (Air Force Chief of Staff) Gen. (T. Michael) Moseley, he and I have spent our lifetime executing, instructing, and providing air dominance for the joint force. Lamentably, we

have never been privileged to hold a weapon like this in our hands. After reviewing our test results, seeing our operational deployment performance, and talking to the pilots that will go to war with it, I am confident that the F-22A joins the combat force at a far more mature and capable level than any of our previous great aircraft, and will take its rightful place in a long line of U.S. Air Force legends of the air," General Keys said.

The first combat-ready Raptors are assigned to the 27th Fighter Squadron, one of three squadrons assigned to the 1st Fighter Wing at Langley.

The squadron's current combat deployment capability with the F-22A is a 12-ship package designed to execute air-to-air and air-to-ground missions

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here with me who is not only my sister, but my best friend.”

“It’s been nice to spend some quality time with my sister without the distractions you would get at home,” said Airman Sumang, who is the older twin by one hour and 14 minutes.

Airmen Raum and Sumang enlisted in the Air Force through the buddy system. They went through basic training and technical school together. Both are part of the 379th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at a forward-deployed location and are from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing.

The twins were inspired to join the Air Force during their freshman year of high school while in the Junior ROTC. They both wanted to be a part of security forces because of the physical challenges it presents.

“When I heard that the Airmen in this job have to run (extensively) I thought ‘I know I can do that,’” Airman Sumang said .

Born and raised in Hawaii, both Airmen are married and have a military-oriented family. Airman Raum’s husband was in the Navy and Airman Sumang’s hus-

band, who is also a twin, was in the Army. The Airmen’s father was a Marine and is excited with the military route his daughters have taken.

“My dad gets so excited when we talk about weapons with him. He’s extremely proud of us and what we do,” Airman Raum said .

During the first part of their six-month tour, Airman Sumang provided security on the flightline and Airman Raum worked at the vehicle search pit. Now, they are both providing flightline security.

“People would always get us confused with each other,” Airman Raum said.

The Airmen spend time together volunteering for worthy causes. They helped coordinate the Operation Hero dinner, a tribute to the wounded troops currently here. They also put gift bags together for the wounded troops and delivered the bags with other squadron members.

The twins were glad they had the chance to spend the holidays here together.

“Being here has made us closer,” Airman Sumang said.

“And to me, serving with my sister has been the most rewarding part of this deployment experience,” Airman Raum said.

VISITS, From A1

members the authority to do their job and respect that authority,” he said. Third is “accountability – not only for ‘bad’ things but especially for the good ones.” Finally, “make sure to assist, teach, mentor and train them.”

Sergeant Major Gainey further encouraged our military leaders to help our service members help themselves. “Our job is to throw down a rope to them, let them pull themselves up the hill ... and if they stumble when they reach the top, brush them off, shake their hand and tell them they did a good job,” he said. “As a leader, you will head down the other side of the hill,” Gainey continued. “Why? Because, as a leader, your work is done and the futures of our services are in capable hands.”

The creation of his position significantly benefits all branches of the service in that they now share “one voice as well as another set of eyes

and ears,” he said. He stressed the fact that we owe our service members joint military education, and plans are in motion to integrate that in already existing professional military education.

“We’re not there yet,” he said, but it is coming. “It’s about changing a culture. When I look at our service members I see warriors, not Army, Air Force, and so on. I am – and we are – ‘joint,’” he said.

“I want to research common problems [shared by troops assigned to different branches of the service] and find a common solution,” he said. “Although every service member is important, we function best when we take the ‘m’ out of ‘me’ and flip it upside-down to make it a ‘w’ – ‘we.’

“No matter what uniform we wear, that BDU blouse always says ‘us,’” Sergeant Major Gainey said.



THEFT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

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SHOPLIFTING

An Air Force civilian employee was detained by Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$7.95

HIT AND RUN

An active Air Force member notified Security Forces and reported she witnessed a hit and run accident.

TERRORISTIC THREATENING/ DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Security Forces was notified by unknown individual and reported that a civilian Air Force employee is being harassed by a male individual. The individual was apprehended and transported the Law Enforcement Desk for further processing.

THEFT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

An active duty Air Force member notified Security Forces and reported he left his palm pilot at work. When he returned the next day, the item was no where to be found. Total cost of stolen of merchandise: \$300.